

FISCAL NOTE

SB 203 - HB 180

March 24, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes any court of record that has found defendant to be indigent to hold a hearing in open court to determine that investigative or expert services are necessary to ensure constitutional rights of the defendant are protected.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


**Increase State Expenditures - \$224,000 Recurring
\$8,000 One-Time**

Assumptions:

- 1,000 hearings annually in open court and on the record.
- \$20,000 for reimbursement for private appointed counsel for additional time for hearings.
- \$154,000 recurring and \$8,000 one-time increase in state expenditures for one additional assistant district attorney and one additional assistant public defender due to required hearings.
- \$50,000 for court reporter services for hearings on the record.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "W".

James W. White, Executive Director